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United States Senate,  
Joint Committee on the Library,  
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11:42 a.m., in Room SC-4, Capitol Building, Hon. Robert Brady, Chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senator Bennett; Representatives Brady, Lungren, and Harper.

Senate Staff present: Jean Bordewich, Staff Director; Jason Abel, Chief Counsel; Josh Brekenfeld, Professional Staff; Lynden Armstrong, Chief Clerk; Matthew McGowan, Professional Staff; Justin Perkins, Staff Assistant; Mary Jones, Republican Staff Director; Abbie Platt, Republican Professional Staff; and Trish Kent, Republican Professional Staff.

House Staff present (all from the Committee on House Administration): S. Elizabeth Birnbaum, Staff Director; Michael L. Harrison, Professional Staff Member; Khalil Abboud, Professional Staff Member, Matt Pinkus, Committee Parliamentarian; Alec Hoppes, Andi Snow and Salley Collins, Minority Professional Staff Members.

**Representative Brady.** A quorum being present, I call the organizational meeting of the Joint Committee on the Library to order. I want to thank everyone for attending, and I recognize Senator Bennett for a motion.

**Senator Bennett.** I move that pursuant to House Resolution 304 and Senate Resolution 102, Representative Brady, the Chairman of the Committee on House Administration, be elected as the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library for the 111th Congress.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

**Senator Bennett.** All those opposed, no.

[No response.]

**Senator Bennett.** The ayes have it and the motion is agreed to. Congratulations.

48 [Applause.]

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50 **Chairman Brady.** Thank you. Thank you. I move that Senator Schumer be  
51 elected Vice Chairman of the committee for the 111th Congress. Are there any further  
52 nominations?

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54 [No response.]

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56 **Chairman Brady.** Are there any debates?

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58 [No response.]

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60 **Chairman Brady.** If not, without objection, Senator Schumer is hereby elected  
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63 As Chairman, I wish to welcome all distinguished members of Congress. I will  
64 put my statement in the record.

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66 [The prepared statement of Chairman Brady follows:]

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70 The Joint Committee on the Library serves a unique function. We are charged  
71 with maintaining the majesty and prestige of Statuary Hall, as well as accepting  
72 fine works of art on behalf of the Congress, among other things. When visitors,  
73 staff and Members pass through the halls of the Capitol, our work is on display. I  
74 look forward to working with all the members of this fine Committee.

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76 **Chairman Brady.** Finally, we need to adopt the committee rules for the 111th  
77 Congress.

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79 **Senator Bennett.** Mr. Chairman, the rules adopted for the last session served us  
80 well. Therefore, I move that the rules of the Joint Committee on the Library for the 110th  
81 Congress be adopted as the rules of the Joint Committee for the 111th Congress.

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83 **Chairman Brady.** The members have heard the motion. Is there a debate?

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85 [No response.]

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87 **Chairman Brady.** If not, the question is on the motion. All those in favor, say  
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90 [Chorus of ayes.]

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92 **Chairman Brady.** Any opposed, say no.

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**Chairman Brady.** The ayes have it. The motion is agreed to and the committee rules are adopted.

Before adjournment, we need to have the Senate photographer who is present to record the occasion. I hope that members take a moment for that purpose for a picture.

[A photograph was taken.]

**Chairman Brady.** There being no further business, the committee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 11:44 a.m., the committee was adjourned.]